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SUBJ: WCRP EFFORTS TO UNTANGLE PROBLEMS RELATED TO ITS RESCUE
ACTIVITIES

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1. WCRP SECGEN HOMER JACK INFORMED CONOFF FEBRUARY 26 THAT
HE AND THAI PHUOC BOARDED THE LEAP DAL ON FEBRUARY 25 IN
INTERNATIONAL WATERS 25 MILES EAST OF SINGAPORE. THERE WERE 254
REFUGEES ABOARD. 208 WERE LAOTIAN FROM UBON AND NONG KHAI
CAMPS IN THAILAND. THERE WERE 33 CAMBODIANS FROM CHIMBURI
CAMP IN THAILAND, AND 13 VIETNAMESE WHOSE ORIGIN WAS UNCLEAR.
JACK REPORTED THAT SOME OF THE REFUGEES HAD BOUGHT THEIR WAY ON
TO THE BOAT, PAYING UP TO US\$800. THIS MONEY WAS ALLEGED TO
HAVE BEEN COLLECTED BY A VIETNAMESE NAMED DUC.

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2. JACK EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EMBASSY'S REPRESENTATIONS
TO SHIP OWNERS REPORTED REFTTEL, AND SAID IT HAD HAD A SOBERING
EFFECT ON THEM. HE NOTED THAT THAI PHUOC HAD BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE
ON THE 25TH.

3. THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION HAS INFORMED JACK THAT

AUSTRALIA WILL TAKE 160 REFUGEES FROM MALAYSIA, FROM THE ROLAND AND THE CAMPS. HE ALSO SAID THE FRENCH HAVE AGREED TO ACCEPT THE CAMBODIAN CREW OF THE LEAP DAL.

4. JACK PLANNED TO LEAVE FEBRUARY 26 FOR MALAYSIA WITH A VIEW TO PERSUADING GOM TO ACCEPT THE REFUGEES ON THE LEAP DAL (HE WAS ALSO GOING TO WORK FOR PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE ROLAND IN MALACCA). CONOFF ADVISED JACK HE MIGHT HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE THAI GOVERNMENT GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE REFUGEES HAD BEEN IN THAI CAMPS. JACK AGREED THIS WAS A POSSIBILITY, AND SAID HE WOULD NOTIFY THE EMBASSY IF HE WAS GOING TO THAILAND, AND WOULD APPRECIATE OUR INFORMING AMEMBASSY BANGKOK.

5. JACK HAS MET WITH SISTER CAO SINCE REFTEOUSENT, ANERSHE HAS NOT BEEN ABOARD THE LEAP DAL AS RUMORED. CAO'S VISA FOR SINGAPORE HAS ALSO EXPIRED, AND SHE WAS TO LEAVE SINGAPORE FEBRUARY 28, DESTINATION UNKNOWN. ACCORDING TO CAO, THICH NHAT HAN IS NOW AT A BUDDHIST RETREAT IN KYOTO, JAPAN. HOLDRIDGE

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